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AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 29, 2008

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated April 29, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following revisions and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Amendment

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy extended during the Examiner Interview held early today (July 29, 2008). Per our discussion, independent claims 26 and 36 have been amended to overcome the pending rejection.